



Tulip Times

Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society

Established 1917

March 2009

Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, March 24th

Miriam Goldberger of Wildflower Farm, one of North America's leading native plant nurseries. **"Elegant ecological landscapes for Home & Cottage"**.

Introduction to language, theories and practices required to design, install and maintain environmentally sound landscapes. Learn methods to create beautiful, drought tolerant, chemical-free gardens, meadows and lawns. Learn the easy steps as to How to have an Eco-Lawn.

• Tuesday, April 28th

Spend an evening at **Busy Bee Gardens Lavender Farm**. Propagator and growers of Niagara lavender and other herbaceous oil producing plants. Taste some lavender lemonade & cupcakes.
Meeting at 758 Niagara Stone Road

• Tuesday, May 26th

Jack and Jackie Looye invite you to spend an evening at **Rhodoland Greenhouse** located at 1067 Line 6, NOTL. Check out their rhodos & azaleas.

Facts & Other Happenings

• Tuesday, April 28th

SPRING CLEAN UP – MEMORIAL GARDEN

Members are encouraged to bring their garden gloves, pruners and knee pads. Help us prune, clean and plant.
10:00 a.m.- NOON
Call: Maybeth Ross at 905-468-3601

• Saturday, May 2, 2009

DISTRICT 9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SPRING

Theme – "Friendly by Nature"

Location: Grimsby Senior Citizens' Centre, 18 Livingston Avenue, Grimsby, ON. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. All members from the NOTL Horticultural Society are welcome to come. Great seminars you don't want to miss.

Welcome Message from the President

2009 - New Year, new executive.

Our members are motivated and energized...you can feel the excitement and synergy among us. January we had a great lineup. Thank you to all the members & visitors who participated in the "Member Workshop," which was a total success. We gave our members and visitors four topics to cover in a "buzz" session. This gave our members a chance to tell us what they want and what direction we should be taking. We tabulated the results, identified the priorities and completed a follow up at our February meeting.

The speaker for the **January** meeting was Hilary Bellis, owner of It Can Be Arranged.



Her passion for what she does was obvious that evening. She showed us how to make a beautiful arrangement from things you can harvest and collect from your own garden.

We surprised 3 members whose ticket was drawn. **Maybeth Ross, Jeannette Plumer & Jane Turner**. They came to the front and were able to make their own wreath, which they took home. Not to mention we gave away the wreath Hilary worked on. **The lucky winner was Doreen Bennett.**

The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig.



What do you call a country where the people drive only pink cars?

A pink carnation.

Web links to check out:

Busy Bee Lavender Gardens: www.busybeegardens.com

Rhodoland Greenhouse: www.rhodolandnursery.com

Seeds of Diversity: www.seeds.ca

Wildflower Farm: www.wildflowerfarm.com

Information on new organic fertilizers can be found at:

<http://www.ontariogardening.com/magazine/detail.jsp?ID=85>

In **February** Carla Carlson who owns and operates Niagara Nature Tours, did an **Evergreen Tea Workshop**. Topic: "Did You Ever Drink a Pine Tree? (With apologies to Euell Gibbons). **Wow** was that an eye opener and certainly gave us a taste of the great outdoors.



Maybeth Ross did an **"intermission demo"** workshop showing us "How to make a terrarium." Maybeth did an awesome job and had our members in stitches. The lucky winner Gail Santsche took home the terrarium.

REMEMBER:

Together we will make this a vibrant society and have fun doing it. We need each and every member to get involved, as we are only as good as our volunteers.

This is your Society.

Meeting Questionnaire

Each meeting members can complete a brief questionnaire rating the meeting. Completed questionnaires are entered in to a draw box. At the November AGM we will draw a name. Winner will receive a prize or gift certificate to the value of \$50.00

Here are some of the results of the January questionnaire.

33 completed questionnaires of which the results to the following questions were:

1. Do you think the member workshop will benefit our Society in fulfilling members' needs?

32 said YES, 1 said NO

2. Should we do the member workshop annually or every other year?

27 said ANNUALLY; 4 said EVERY OTHER YEAR; 2 – depends, now & then, not one said not again

2009 Executive

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April To-dos

- Set out cool-season annuals
- Set out seedlings of warm-season annuals
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant fall-blooming bulbs
- Divide and replant crowded winter- and spring-blooming bulbs after leaves yellow
- Spray apples, peaches, and pears that have been affected with canker problems
- Plant permanent ground covers
- Plant and aerate lawns and loosen thatch
- Plant seedlings of cool-weather vegetables
- Sow fast-growing warm-season vegetables
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Sow seeds for tender perennials
- Divide and replant spring-blooming perennials after bloom
- Plant container and bare-root roses
- Uncover roses for spring and apply dormant spray
- Apply dormant spray to trees, shrubs, and vines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant frost-tolerant trees

Winner of "Name our Newsletter Contest":

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Barb Waller – won a \$10.00 gift certificate from Busy Bee Gardens Lavender Farm.

Mark your calendar for the
18th Annual Garden Tour
Saturday, July 11th 2009

Contact Anne Beedles 905-262-5185

Or email rbeedles@cogeco.ca

If you need a ride to a meeting call:

VOLUNTEER SHUTTLE

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PEANUT BUTTER SQUARES

by Irma Mansfield

In a medium size Pot
1/2 cup white sugar
1/2 Cup corn syrup
Bring to a boil (not a rolling boil)
Remove from stove and add a tsp of Vanilla,
pinch of salt and 9 oz. peanut butter.
Stir until smooth.
Add 2 cups Kellog Corn Flakes and
1 cup Rice Krispies OR Special K.
Stir until Peanut Butter mix is well blended into cereal.
Pat smoothly with back of a large spoon in 9 x 9 OR 8 x 10 pan.
Press Hard.
Put in Fridge for an hour or so, until cool.

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Into a small pot, bring just to a boil.
1/4 cup of butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 tbsp milk
Remove from stove and add 1 cup icing sugar.
Beat with a wisk until smooth.
Then pour over cold base.

KEEP SQUARES IN FRIDGE OR FREEZE.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you....

To all the volunteers who brought goodies to the February and March meeting.

Thank you to the following team leaders:

Barb Waller; Etta Mills; Gloria Buczkowski;
Gloria Thurston; Lucille Reynolds; Anne Beedles;

Jean Cochrane thanks to you and Tom we filled up the bus and had an awesome time at Canada Blooms.

"Welcome Spring Celebration"

All our volunteers who helped arrange flowers for seniors on Friday, March 20th

Thanks **Irma Mansfield** for the recipe for those yummy peanut butter squares. They were a hit!

Marion Boon, our Membership coordinator.

As well on the membership committee, Ann Pankratz and Sally Mitchell.

Our phone committee: Jeannette Plumer and Doreen Bennett.
